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SUBJ: NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER MULDOON ON SOVIET SUBVERSION
IN NEW ZEALAND

1. I ESCORTED PROFESSOR FRITZ STERN TO MEETING WITH PRIME
MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW MARCH 25, AND DURING ENSUING CONVERSATION
(WHICH FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON LEE'S PERCEPTIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS
IN EUROPE), LEE BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF SOVIET BACKING FOR LEFTIST
GROUPS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD WHO WITTINLY OR NOT
WERE SERVING SOVIET INTERESTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE CITED
CONVERSATION WITH NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER MULDOON DURING
LATTER'S JUST-COMPLETED VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

2. ACCORDING TO MULDOON, HE FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY ANYTHING
ON SUBJECT OF NEW ZEALAND SPORTS POLICY EVEN IN REMOTEST SMALL
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TOWNS WITHOUT HIS WORDS BEING PICKED UP BY ONE OR ANOTHER
LEFTIST GROUP IN NEW ZEALAND AND FED BACK TO ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY (OAU). THIS HAD THE EFFECT OF BLOCKING MULDOON'S
EFFORTS TO BACK AWAY FROM SPORTS POLICY WHICH HAS SERVED TO
EXCLUDE NEW ZEALAND FROM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND POSSIBLY
FROM 1980 OLYMPICS. MULDOON SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ACTIVITIES
OF SMALL AND POLITICALLY-INSIGNIFICANT SOCIALIST UNITED PARTY

(SUP) IN THIS RESPECT.

3. MULDOON HAD GONE ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD CONFRONTED SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO NEW ZEALAND ON THIS SUBJECT, NOTING THAT LEADERS OF SUP AND OTHER SIMILAR GROUPS WERE FLYING ALL OVER THE WORLD AT SOVIET EXPENSE. SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD SHRUGGED THIS OFF WITH A SMILE, SAYING THAT THERE WAS NOTHING TO STOP NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT FROM DOING THE SAME WITH RESPECT TO LEADERS OF OPPOSITION GROUPS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

4. FOREGOING, WHICH SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD, FURTHER BEARS OUT INFORMATION REACHING US THAT MULDOON AND LEE KUAN YEW HAD MEETING OF THE MINDS DURING THEIR TALKS IN SINGAPORE. LEE KUAN YEW IS OF COURSE PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN CARRYING OUT THE DRIVE AGAINST SINGAPORE'S OWN ANTI-GOVERNMENT LEFTISTS.
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